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July 13, 2016

Item No. 15
Meeting Date: July 26, 2016
Presented by: Alan Martyn
Rec'd prior to meeting & posted to web on: July 22, 2016

Dear Ms. Arnold,

Please see attachments for letter sent to Senator Dianne Feinstein regarding her stance on the legalization of "recreational marijuana".

Sincerely,

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Senator Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate

Washington, D.C. 20510

July 13, 2016

Dear Senator Feinstein,

Thank you for your opposition to recreational marijuana. I was happy and pleased on the stance you are taking in being opposed.

Several years ago I was appointed to head a county wide committee on drug abuse.

The committee consisted of educators, both teachers and administrators, law enforcement officials both from the District Attorney office and detectives, as well as police officers. We had religious leaders, attorneys and civic leaders and elected officials.

There was much study and deliberation that consisted of several experiments, as well as case studies. One example of this was a discussion of how easy it was to obtain marijuana when a father and members of our study team recruited his 2 teenagers to go out and buy some marijuana. He gave them \$20 and told them to bring him some marijuana which they agreed to do and came back half an hour later with a small bag of weed and returned the \$20 their father had given them and told him the first time was free. (The seller knowing that once they go the kids hooked on it they would have a customer for life.) That is just one example of the addictive consequences of marijuana. There were other examples too numerous to mention.

The final analysis is that recreational marijuana is more than addictive and can cause people to drive under the influence and has been the cause of some major tragedies regarding public transportation. Young people like to experiment and are very susceptible and are easily influenced into thinking it is okay to try pot and that a little won't hurt them, until we pick up their remains from the highway.

As a father of three teenagers, chairing and heading that drug abuse committee opened my eyes how dangerous, addictive and lethal it can be. A local individual said he started smoking pot as a teenager, used it through college and law school and asked that I not call him after 8pm because he was incoherent due to this use of marijuana. Needless to say he was not a very successful attorney.

Your concern, like mine, is the term of "recreational marijuana" and how do you regulate? How much pot use is recreational? How can you measure if someone is stoned out of their mind? How do you conducted a sobriety test?

My other concern is that the use of marijuana can and does lead to the use of other heavy duty drugs such as cocaine, methamphetamine and heroine just to name a few.

Your position and stance regarding recreational marijuana is well taken and I applaud you for your stance in opposing it even though the liberal media is for it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan Martyn", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Alan Martyn

c.c. Dan Dow, District Attorney
Ian Parkinson , SLO Sheriff/Coroner
Katcho Achadjian, CA State Assemblyman
Debbie Arnold, Chair SLO County Board Supervisor